

**OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN EARL BLUMENAUER  
APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM  
FISCAL YEAR 2011**

**Instructions**

1. Please complete the entire form. **All fields are required.**
2. Please do not **bold**, underline, or *italicize* responses.
3. Request forms must be submitted as a Word document.
4. All completed request forms and any supplemental materials must be submitted via email to:  
[Appropriations.Blumenauer@mail.house.gov](mailto:Appropriations.Blumenauer@mail.house.gov)
5. Please do not send more than one request per email.
6. All completed request forms must be submitted no later than **Friday, February 26, 2010.**
7. If you do not receive an email confirming receipt of your request within 48 hours of submission, please contact Stephanie Cappa in Congressman Blumenauer's Washington, D.C. office at 202-225-4811.

*PLEASE NOTE: All appropriations requests submitted to Congressman Blumenauer's office will be made public on his website, as required by the House Committee on Appropriations.*

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**Project Details**

1. **Project title:** Oil Spill Response Fleet Upgrade and Shipboard Firefighter Training
2. **Organization name and address** (the recipient of the funds):  
Maritime Fire and Safety Association  
200 SW Market Street, Suite 190  
Portland, OR 97201
3. **Contact information**
  - a. **Project's primary contact:** Liz Wainwright
  - b. **Daytime telephone number/mobile phone number:**  
W:503-220-2091; [REDACTED]
  - c. **Email Address:** [Wainwright@mfsa.com](mailto:Wainwright@mfsa.com)
  - d. **Project location** (if different than organization's address): N/A
4. **Please describe the requesting organization's main activities.**  
The Maritime Fire and Safety Association (MFSa) is a non-profit public-private partnership established in 1983 to improve oil spill response, promote fire protection and safety, and enhance navigation on the Columbia and Willamette Rivers. The MFSa serves as the primary first responder and communications asset for the lower Columbia and Willamette River transportation system and coordinates any response to emergency situations that could limit freight movement and threaten the safety of the 1,400,000 people that live in this region.
5. **Is this organization a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity?**  
Non-profit public-private partnership

**6. From what federal agency and account are you requesting funds (Please be specific –e.g., Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account)?**

Department of Transportation, Office of the Secretary (OST), Transportation Planning, Research, and Development (TPR&D)

**7. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (no more than 500 words).**

The Maritime Fire and Safety Association (MFSA) is seeking \$471,000 for upgrades to its oil spill response fleet and for training its shipboard firefighting partners in Washington and Oregon. A necessary component of oil spill response activities is the equipment used to clean up spills and the first responders who respond to emergencies. The requested funding will help the MFSA and its partners prevent oil or other chemical spills in Northwest waterways through regular training and protect the water resources and the communities of the Pacific Northwest through timely and effective response to maritime spills.

**8. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?**

The Columbia/Willamette River transportation system is a vital transportation link for Oregon and Washington and the most important commercial waterway in the Pacific Northwest. According to the 2004 State of Washington Marine Cargo Forecast, the total volume of waterborne trade is expected to increase from the current level of 75 million tons to 125 million tons over the next 20 years. Lower Columbia River grain exports are expected to nearly double from 8.5 million tons today to 15.1 million tons. But these increases can only be achieved if vessel fires, spill incidents and other emergencies on the system are minimized. A major oil spill or shipboard fire on the Columbia River could shut down commerce for days, having a significant negative impact on the region's economy. In fact, the Maritime Fire and Safety Association was established in 1983 after a fire destroyed the M/V Protector Alpha, obstructing ship movements for several days. The MFSA is responsible for oil spill response, fire protection, safety, and the enhancement of navigation on the Columbia and Willamette Rivers, but without the proper equipment, the MFSA will not be able to effectively carry out its responsibilities.

This request also helps MFSA meet its federal commitments. Coast Guard regulations pertaining to oil spill response and marine firefighting require that owners and operators of tank vessels carrying oil as primary cargo must identify resource providers with whom they have contracted for specific services such as structural stability assessments, salvage planning, emergency towing and lightering, and special salvage operations, and must ensure by contract or other approved means that the resource providers are capable of providing the services within the timeframes required by the regulations. All salvage and marine firefighting resource providers (including their ability to respond to oil spills and shipboard fires) must be integrated into the vessel response plans. As the primary first responder for the lower Columbia and Willamette River transportation system, it is critical that the MFSA and its partners have the equipment and training needed to meet these requirements.

**9. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years?**

No

**9a. If yes, please provide the fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding.**

N/A

**Funding Details**

**10. Amount requested for this project: \$471,000**

**11. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project (e.g., salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):**

\$140,000 for repowering two oil spill response vessels: The current jet engines are not fuel efficient, have high emissions, and because they are bolted in place, stir up sediment when close to shore. The new twin outboard engines will be more fuel efficient, result in few air emissions and will reduce environmental impact to the shoreline. The new engines will also require significantly less maintenance.

\$213,500 for upgrading the fleet's skimmer systems: The current brush skimmers are able to pick up heavy oil but are unable to pick up light oil such as gasoline and diesel fuel that is leaked into the water. Replacing brush skimmers with belt skimmers will not only enhance the ability to pick up heavy oil but also increase the ability to recover light oil.

\$117,500 for training and administration: Ongoing shipboard fire training for Washington and Oregon land-based fire personnel and the development and implementation of shipboard firefighting curriculum are important components to the MFSA's mission and enhance the organization's oil spill prevention and response capabilities.

**12. What is the total cost of the project? \$942,000**

**13. Is this project scalable (i.e., If partial funding is awarded, will the organization still be able to use the funds in FY 2011)?**

Yes

**14. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please be specific about funding sources and funding amounts)**

Partnering fire agencies are contributing \$300,000 in kind. Additionally, \$171,000 in voluntary ship fees will support this request.

**15. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project.**

**Oregon Fire Agencies:**

Astoria Fire Department

Clatskanie Rural Fire District

Columbia River Fire and Rescue

Portland Fire Bureau

**Other Oregon Partners**

Chevron Texaco - Portland, OR  
CLD Pacific Grain - Portland, OR  
Columbia Grain, Inc. - Portland OR  
Columbia River Steamship Operators Assoc. - Portland, OR  
Kinder Morgan Liquids Terminals LLC - Portland, OR  
McCall Oil Chemistry Corp. - Portland, OR  
Port of Astoria - Astoria, OR  
Port of Portland - Portland, OR  
Port of St. Helens - St. Helens, OR  
Schnitzer Steel Products - Portland, OR

**Washington Fire Agencies:**

Clark County Fire District #6 - Vancouver, Washington  
Clark County Fire District #12 - Ridgefield, Washington  
Cowlitz Co. Fire District #1 - Woodland, Washington  
Cowlitz County Fire District #5 - Kalama, Washington  
Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue - Kelso, Washington  
Longview Fire Department - Longview, Washington  
Vancouver Fire Department - Vancouver, Washington

**Other Washington Partners:**

Emerald Kalama Chemical, LLC - Kalama, WA  
Kalama Export Company - Kalama, WA  
Longview Fibre Co. - Longview, WA  
Marine Terminals Corp. - Vancouver, WA  
Port of Kalama - Kalama, WA  
Port of Longview - Longview, WA  
Port of Vancouver - Vancouver, WA  
United Harvest, LLC - Vancouver, WA  
NuStar Energy - Vancouver, WA  
Weyerhaeuser Co. - Longview, WA

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